Autodesk Offers Digital Design Review Tool

DWF Composer, Autodesk’s new tool for collaborating on design projects, is based on the company’s Design Web Format. DWF is a view-, Web-, and print-ready format—similar to Acrobat PDF but oriented toward computer-aided design data. Project engineers and managers can share and mark up DWF files and subsequently integrate the markup data back into AutoCAD files.


Offisor Converts Documents into Standard XML

Davisor (www.davisor.com) has released Offisor 2.0, an upgraded version of its tool for converting non-XML documents into standard XML text and SVG and PNG images. Offisor is a platform-independent Java component that users can either embed into pure Java applications or use independently. It supports all Word and HTML versions.

RFID Blocker Tag Demonstrated

RSA Security (www.rsasecurity.com) has demonstrated a prototype of its RSA Blocker Tag, a new technology designed to enforce consumer privacy while allowing businesses to reap the benefits of radio-frequency identification technology. The RSA Blocker Tag is a special RFID tag designed to prevent readers from performing unwanted scanning and tracking of people or goods without disrupting normal RFID operations.

OEM Tools to Support Symbian OS 8.0

Metrowerks (www.metrowerks.com) announced plans to release version 2.8 of its CodeWarrior Development Studio for Symbian OS, OEM Edition. The new version will support developers creating software components of Symbian OS phones with versions of the Symbian OS. Metrowerks has reportedly worked closely with Symbian to produce an integrated tools that give OEMs the ability to complete OS base ports, develop peripheral device drivers, and integrate native applications for phones based on Symbian OS 8.0.

Veritas Upgrades Storage-Management Software

Storage Foundation 4.0 is the first major upgrade of Veritas Software’s flagship software for managing storage complexity in heterogeneous environments. Storage Foundation integrates the company’s market-leading storage-virtualization software, Volume Manager, with its industry-standard File System to manage multiple operating systems across storage devices and databases.

Veritas Storage Foundation 4.0 costs $2,495; www.veritas.com.

Enterprise-Class Virtual Infrastructure Software

VMware announced GSX Server 3, the latest release of the company’s virtual infrastructure software. Designed for IT administrators who want to consolidate servers and streamline development and testing operations, GSX Server supports partitioning and isolating servers into secure and transportable virtual machines, each of which can run standard Windows, Linux, or NetWare. The virtual machines can be remotely managed, automatically provisioned, and standardized on a uniform platform.

Pricing starts at $2,500; www.vmware.com.

On-Demand Web Analytics Services

WebSideStory (www.websidestory.com) launched HBX, a new on-demand Web analytics service that replaces the company’s HitBox Enterprise and HitBox Commerce services. The HBX service integrates WebSideStory’s real-time data-collection architecture with the ability to mine visitor data down to the individual browsing session. The hosted service collects visitor and customer behavior information in real time and provides the data on demand through a Web browser interface, allowing business managers to improve the performance of their online initiatives.